since submitted its report. No vital equipment was damaged. However, some cables, one pipe and a few instruments in the field and some instruments and electrical cables, fittings and false ceiling in the control room were damaged.

As recommended by the Committee, additional safety and precautionary measures/procedures have been incorporated besides completing the revamping of the affected portion. The Plant is now awaiting clearance from the Safety Review Committee and availability of inputs from the fertilizer plant for start up.

Supply of spurious cartridges to gun Cartridge Factory, Jabalpur

418. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fraudulent deal involving large-scale supply of spurious cartridges to the gun cartridge factory, Jabalpur came to the light sometime in the last week of August, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the name of the firm involved, the period for which the firm has been supplying suprious cartridges to the factory and the total amount paid to them; and

(c) whether any inquiry into the deal has been made by Government to fix responsibility for the deal and for laxity in clearing the spurious cartridges supplied the firm; if so, what is the outcome thereof and what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The matter regarding supply of defective empty sheels had come to the notice of the Government earlier than the last week of August, 1986.

(b) The order for empty shells was placed on Bharat Engineering Works, Bombay, by the then Officer-in-charge of the Gun Development Team based at the Gun Cartridge Factory, Jabalpur. Details regarding the period during which the firm had been supplying shells and the amount paid to them are being ascertained.

(c) An Investigation Board held Brig. D.B. Mukherjee, ex-officer-in-charge Gun Development Team responsible for irregularieties while accepting the sub-standard empty shells. The matter has been handed over to the CBI for further investigations and necessary action. Their report is awaited.

419. [*Transferred to the 14th November*, 1986].

Agitation by refugees in Delhi

420. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that refugees from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Burma blocked traffic in Delhi to protest against Government's apathy towards them;

(b) whether any of them were arrested, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what were their demands and what action had been taken since; and

(d) whether Government propose to appoint a high level Committee to study the problems of refugees in India and also steps to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMARAM): (a) The Bangladesh refugees had held protest demonstrations

on the 9th and 22nd September, and again on 14th October, 1986.

(b) (i) 55 persons were detained u/s 188 IPC by Parliament Street Police Station on 9.9.1986.

(ii) 79 persons were detained u/s 65 Delhi Police Act on 22.9.86 by Tughlak Road Police Station.

(iii) 245 persons were detained u/s 65 Delhi Police Act by Tughlak Road Police Station on 14.10.1986.

(c) Their demands included rehabilitation and setting up of new refugee camps for Bangladesh is settled in Delhi. They also demanded pension to the refugee Bangladeshi widows. Almost the Bangladeshis in Delhi are illegal migrants and the question of taking steps for their rehabilitation does not arise.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

Report of Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission

421. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 317 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission has since submitted its report, if so, when;

(b) what are the findings thereof;

(c) whether the report has been made public or not, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what expenditure has been incurred on the Commission as on date?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Commission submitted its report on 22nd August, 1986.

(b) and (c) The report is presently under Government's consideration.

(d) An expenditure of about Rs. 20.50 lakhs has been incurred on the Commission till 31st October, 1986.

Prisoners in Tihar Jail, Delhi

422. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of prisoners presently lodged in Tihar Jail, Delhi;

(b) what is the approved capacity of the Jail;

(c) what is the number of complaints received against the jail administration during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what is the number of posts in the Jail, category-wise and the number of vacancies in each case; and

(e) whether any screening of the jail staff did take place recently; if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) 3,991 (Three thousand nine hundred and ninety one).

(b) Approved capacity of the jail is 1823.

(c) One complaint was received in 1982, 2 in 1983 and one in 1985.

(d) As in the statement below.

(e) A Screening Committe has just started functioning and to begin with a list of warders and head-warders with their complete bio-data has been prepared and the screening is in progress.